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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to Examination, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please add new claims 19-34 as follows:

19. An apparatus comprising:

a data block parser to parse an encoded data block into at least first and second sub-blocks;

at least first and second processing units to perform forward and backward decoding at least on the first and second sub-blocks, respectively, of the encoded data block; and

a memory to store outputs of at least the first and second processing units.

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